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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **COT WELDING TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS EARN NATIONAL AWARDS**

#### **MISSOULA –**

Several students in the Welding Technology Program of The University of Montana College of Technology recently received 2009 James F. Lincoln Foundation Awards.

The awards recognize student achievement in the design, blueprint creation and fabrication of a welding project.

Seth Nemitz of Missoula is the 2009 Division II Gold Award winner for his project Mighty Max Wagon, which converts from a wheeled wagon to one with skis for snow. He won \$1,000 and a Lincoln MIG 140C welder.

The following students won merit awards for their projects and \$50:

- Christopher Brown, Missoula, for Bar-B-Q grill and smoker.
- Joel Stroud, Missoula, for Ladder Rack Toyota Tacoma, 1995-1999 model.
- Benjamin Sonnenberg, Missoula, for Piranha Out-feed Table.
- Samuel Norman, **Bozeman**, for Cargo Trailer Ladder Rack.
- Kyle Sollars, Missoula, for Ornamental Water Fountain.
- Rickard Becker II, Missoula, for Hitch Carrier and Headache Bar.
- Earlene Morton, **Hamilton**, for Utility Trailer.
- Brad Podlesak, Missoula, for Decorative Patio Fireplace.
- Schandor Rabe-Wolf, Missoula, for Tip-bed Trailer.
- Gerald Weaver, Missoula, for Motorcycle Lifting Jack.
- Troy Kotthoff, **Highwood**, for Snowmobile Dolly.

COT welding instructors are Mark Raymond and Bob Shook.

The James F. Lincoln Foundation is dedicated to advancing safe, reliable and cost-effective arc welding design and practice worldwide. The awards program began in 1938 with the first contest for the best technical papers on the application of arc welding to design and production.

Today, the college and school shop award programs have continued in the U.S. with an invitation to global participants as well. Over the years, a number of COT Welding Technology Program students have won awards in the national competition.

For more information about the COT program, call Raymond at 406-243-7647 or e-mail [mark.raymond@umontana.edu](mailto:mark.raymond@umontana.edu).

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**NOTE TO EDITORS:** A photo of Seth Nemitz with his winning project, Mighty Max Wagon, is available by e-mailing [mark.raymond@umontana.edu](mailto:mark.raymond@umontana.edu).

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